

"sought their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's."* Some did then, as too many do now, chuse to consult their own personal ease and safety, rather than disturb the one, or hazard the other to promote the interests of Jesus Christ and his Church; whilst others were so immersed in worldly cares—in the pursuit of Pleasure, ambition, or secular interest, that they allowed themselves little or no time to think on the concerns of eternity; or to secure the salvation which was procured by the Son of God.

I TRUST there neither is, nor will be any ground for such a complaint with respect to You. The readiness You have shewn to attend here on the present occasion—the great distances that most of You have come at so short a notice, and at such hazard and expence, preclude every idea of the kind; and afford the most flattering hope that Your pious example, and zealous exertions in future, will stimulate Your respective flocks to the practice of their Christian duty.

I FERVENTLY pray the Almighty to direct Your conduct; and prosper Your labours; to support You under every trial, and give efficacy and success to Your administrations. And may Your people, sensible of the wonderful love and condescension of the eternal Son of God in the dispensation

* Philip. II. 21.

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